

HOUSE BILL 3413

By Harwell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, Part 30, relative to home schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(e)

(1) Students enrolled in home schools shall not be prohibited from participation in extracurricular athletic activities, sponsored or engaged in by public schools.

(2) If a home schooled child would be eligible to enroll in a public school in the district where the affected home schooled student resides, that student shall be permitted to participate in the extracurricular athletic activity of the public school to which the affected student would otherwise be zoned to attend; provided, that:

(A) The student pays any participation or activity fee in an amount equal to the fee charged to public school participants;

(B) The student adheres to the same standards of behavior, responsibility, performance, and code of conduct as other participants of the team or activity; and

(C) The student adheres to the same academic standards as other participants of the team or activity, with those standards confirmed by written documentation provided by the parent-teacher to the local director of schools and to the public school providing the athletic activity in which the student shall participate.

(3) No public school team or group shall be impeded from competing against any other public school's team or group merely because the school's team or group utilizes students in compliance with this subsection (e).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.